



Reservoir Committee of Envision Arlington

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020.
Time: 7:30 PM.
Location: Remote participation via Zoom

Minutes

Attendees: Stephan Miller, David White, Michael Ratner, Ann LeRoy, Johanna Meyer.

1. Check-ins and Observations from around the Res - The water is higher, possibly due to rain. For the pumping test, the water level had to be up, so it is likely the test is done with the dam now being lowered. Many migrating ducks and Canada geese have been passing through.
2. Master plan updates - A post and rail fence around the garden and steps to stop the erosion and provide easier walking in the path from Hurd Field are part of the plan. With the rail fence, a couple of 3ft diameter logs off 6 ft long placed in a slight V, would provide both seating and a barrier in front of the sunny garden. There will also be changes in the entrance from Drake Village. A study is underway for a bicycle path from the Minuteman Trail through Hurd field to reach the beach area.
3. Review previous meeting notes - Approved.
4. Garden report – Possible pruning of the trees and taking out invasives like JKW. Most of the trees seem fine, no trimming needed. Too late for planting, keep grasses up for the winter as feed and shelter for the animals. It would be nice to have a platform or bench to be able to sit, meditate or for yoga in the garden. The bench could be 3x3 or 3x6, in addition or exclusively we can plant more flowers. Some like to meditate by the trees, others felt it was beyond to the committee's purview or not appropriate for the habitat garden.
5. Workday – Next one in Spring
6. Town Survey questions for the Envision Committee – Have picked basic themes: (1) Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, (2) Town services during COVID and (3) Community wellness check. The Res does not fit well into these categories.
7. The Town Open Space Plan is being updated next year and that will be an opportunity for Reservoir related questions. These are better suited to ask if green spaces can better support the businesses like the outdoor yoga classes or restaurants use of the picnic pavilion.
8. Review the Solitude Aquatic Plant Survey and Management Plan – This indicates that water chestnuts are not the only invasive aquatic plant problem. Send comments to David by the end of November. The conservation commission's water bodies working group will be reviewing this in greater detail.
9. No meeting in December. Next Meeting January 19th Review of garden planting plan